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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 13 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Col. White [redacted]

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Messrs. [redacted] Sheldon, [redacted] Kirkpatrick [redacted],

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Referred to State and CIA cables reporting that [redacted] has in its possession an alleged hand written note [redacted] advocating the overthrow of the [redacted] and stated if possible we should check the handwriting in order to determine whether or not the letter in fact had been written by [redacted]

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c) Stated he had read the report regarding the failure on the part of [redacted]

[redacted] to contact Bob Smart, of the House Committee on Armed Services, and commented while this incident appeared to be a comedy of errors he still could not understand why [redacted] did not comply with headquarters' instructions and contact Smart direct. He noted that we continue to attempt to impress our congressional contacts with the security of our operations and therefore Smart was in all probability acting in good faith in not advising the Air Force, who sponsored his trip, the fact that he was supposed to have an appointment with a representative of this agency. He said therefore [redacted] should be advised [redacted] that the fault was theirs in not following headquarters' instructions. The Director also said he intended to see Smart and personally acquaint him with the facts in this case and asked DD/P to prepare a sanitized version of the above report for his use at this meeting.

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d) Noted a cable from [redacted] and stated he would like to [redacted] know more about the source of the information contained therein. ACTION: DD/P.

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General Cabell:

Noted during his recent trip to Dallas he had taken advantage of this opportunity to get in touch with two leading newspapers there -- one which had

said kind thing about us and the other somewhat to the contrary. General Cabell said he and Col. Grogan, who accompanied him, had sat down with the editorial board and publishers of these papers separately and discussed the Agency in general terms. He commented that in his opinion where this can be done in a friendly atmosphere and without appearing to be a campaign it would be helpful if the other deputies could get in touch with hostile newspapers provided of course an appropriate occasion presents itself and there is some entree on the part of our people.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

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a) Noted that the Director had asked him to raise the subject of deactivating [redacted] and commented during his recent trip to [redacted] he made a thorough inspection of this facility. He said based on this inspection and the recommendations of [redacted] he strongly urged that our retention [redacted] even in a caretaker status be terminated, thereby saving the Agency about \$100,000 a year. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that there are other U.S. government facilities [redacted] which can temporarily be used for the same purpose and if need be there is one particular location with a good landing strip which could be activated at a moment's notice provided necessary tentage is available. Colonel White commented that about two years ago his people had looked into this matter and based on the recommendations of the WH Division had decided to continue [redacted] on a standby basis. After some discussion it was agreed that DD/S and the IG would look into this further and recommend appropriate action to the Director.

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b) Stated that the Director wished to be reminded to raise the continuance of the [redacted]. General Cabell pointed out that this particular project had now been reduced to [redacted]

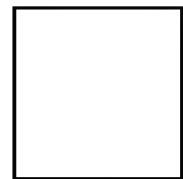
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[redacted] noted his concurrence. After some discussion it was agreed to raise this problem again in about six months.

Col. White:

a) Again raised the problem of briefing selected staff members of the House Appropriations Committee as requested by the Chairman of that Committee and recommended that several members of the staff receive a thorough briefing of agency activities [redacted] Col. White also said if this proposal was approved he believed we should also include selected members of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Director agreed and commented he would first have to check with the White House and asked Colonel White to prepare an appropriate letter for his signature to General Goodpaster.

b) Noted we had never completely briefed Mr. Stans of the Bureau of the Budget and recommended that we do so. The Director agreed and asked Col. White to prepare a letter to Mr. Stans to include an invitation to Roger Jones the new Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget. Col. White also suggested that consideration be given to brief Mr. Stans on ACQUATONE.



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